

Jack'n'Jill are coming once again to **Otorohanga Kindergarten!** Gather your children, family and friends to capture precious memories! Your ten dollars entitles you to a free portrait sitting and a 10" x 13" quality portrait of your choice. Everyone is welcome – Otorohanga Kindergarten appreciates the support of the community. For bookings please phone 873 8314 (during Kindy hours), or Iona 873 1543/021 134 2246.

Sore throats matter – get them checked!!

During winter, many children are unwell with a sore throat. A common cause is a bacteria called streptococcal, which is treated with antibiotics. In New Zealand, however a small minority of children with this bacteria, if not treated, can go on to develop Rheumatic Fever: a serious disease that can lead to permanent heart damage. Those most at risk of developing Rheumatic Fever are Maori and Pacific children aged 5-14 years. Rheumatic Fever often starts with a bacterial streptococcal infection causing a sore throat. A few weeks later the following symptoms may develop:

- sore or swollen joints
- jerky movements
- a rash
- fever and
- inflammation of the heart

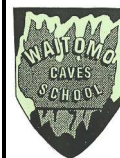


Fortunately, it is preventable if sore throats are treated correctly. If a child gets a sore throat, please make sure they are checked by a doctor or nurse. They will need to have a throat swab taken, especially if they fall into a high risk group, and if they have a streptococcal bacteria infection they will need antibiotics to treat the infection. By taking all sore throats seriously, we can help prevent life-long illness and suffering for our children. **Sore throats matter – get them checked!!**

What's Coming Up At Waitomo Caves School

3 August	Board of Trustees meeting
4 August	Secondary College group visiting
6 August	Visual Art Day at Kio Kio
12 August	Cross country course practise
13 August	Community Assembly
17 August	Parent Meeting
18 August	Small School Cross Country race
20 August	School art excursion
25 August	COP's Cross Country race
27 August	Ski Day Trip to Whakapapa Ski Field
1 September	COP's Cross Country postponement date

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Term Three 2010

Week Two – 30 July

Dear Parents and Friends of the School

Tena Koutou Katoa

Welcome Taylor Burgess and Christian and Lilly Taane-Edwards and Myke to our Kick-Start to School classes. We are looking forward to your regular Monday morning visits and hope you enjoy being part of our school.

There are some changes for staffing this term. Unfortunately Matua Paerau is unable to support our Te Reo classes as he is needed for full-time guiding. Ms Helen Easton is currently on sick leave and will return as soon as she has recovered and is feeling better. During her absence Mrs Glenys George will teach the junior class. Mrs Heather Pease will spend more time in the senior class and I will cover both the senior class and the junior class.

School Sports

Well done to all the winter sports participants this year. We had several junior and senior children playing for Waitomo and contributing schools this year with great success. Congratulations to the senior soccer team (Waitomo Phoenix), the junior soccer team (Waitomo Strikers), John who joined the Otewa soccer team and the many netball girls who joined teams from Pukenui School and Oparure Kura. And then there were a couple of



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junior girls who continued their swimming skills during the winter terms. Thank you to all the parents who supported the winter sports regime which can be challenging on those cold and wet Saturday mornings. Special thanks to Geoff, Richard and Stephen for sharing their soccer skills as coaches for the Phoenix and Strikers.

We are fast approaching the miniball season and have several interested children. Miria will co-ordinate and coach the miniball team this year and more details will follow as soon as possible. It is anticipated that the first miniball games will begin the week of 23 August.

School Production

By now our parent community would have heard of our major production called Giant John/Joan. This focus for term three has everyone excited. We were very fortunate to have Waikato Arts co-ordinator, Wanda Barker, lead the auditions last week. All the students will be involved in the production and some will have major parts to play. We will update you with details as we get closer to production week which is week 10.

Ski Day Trip

Thank you to Curly's Bar and Kiwipaka for the very generous sponsorship for our ski day trip. This is planned for Friday 27 August weather permitting. Some families have already responded to the notice that went home last week. Can I remind parents to think about the transport options and return the permission slip as soon as possible.

Visual Arts Day

Visual Arts Day is planned for Friday 6 August at Kio Kio Primary School. This is a day where schools and students will have the opportunity to work together to create artworks. It is a day to acknowledge 'creative excellence' and for those involved to work with others who have similar interests and talents. A group of seniors students will be involved in this day and the work produced will go towards helping the 'True Colours' Charity. This is a charity that supports children and young people living with a chronic, serious or life threatening illness.

Cross Country Races

Plans for the Small Schools and COP's Cross Country races are about to get underway with Waitomo hosting these two events this year. The whole school will be involved in the Small Schools race on Wednesday 18 August then champion runners will compete in the COP's race the following week, Wednesday 25 August. We will require parents to help transport children to the HTG Hut on the day of these races. Also we need

parental support with the organisation and running of the food stall for both of these days. This will be two great opportunities to help fundraising for school projects.

On **Thursday 12 August at 1.30pm** we would like to take the whole school to the cross country venue at the HTG Hut to practise the course for the afternoon. If you are able to help with transporting children to and from the Hut on Te Anga Road please let the teachers know as soon as possible. We will require up to 8 vehicles this particular afternoon.

South Gippsland Secondary College Musical Group

The South Gippsland Secondary College from Australia have several musical bands that are touring New Zealand and will be in Waitomo. Some of the touring group will put on a concert for us next Wednesday 4 August around 9.00am. We are looking forward to this show and tell demo on the instruments and the wide range of music they intend sharing with us.

Community Assembly

We are holding our next Community Assembly at Curly's Bar. This will be on Friday 13 August at 2.20pm. Please come along so we can share some of our work with you. You will really want to see our art we have made for Curly's Bar. Don't miss it!



Home Play Challenge 2010

For four weeks this term, kids will bring home a character card with heaps of activities that you can do as a family or they can do individually to help keep them active.

Look out for the cards and encourage them to do the activities as much as they can!

Prizes for the school can be won, so get out there and active!

The poster features a central illustration of a child playing soccer, surrounded by various activity cards labeled 'Tee', 'Striker', 'Goalie', and 'Pre-Game'. A 'True Colours' logo is at the bottom.



WINTER WARMERS

Brr... it's cold out there!

Now that winter is upon us it's really important that we keep eating healthy and stay active.

Winter tends to be a time when we eat more and hibernate inside.

This term you will get ideas about how to beat the winter blues and stay healthy.

Tip: Feeling cold? Do some star jumps to warm up!

The poster includes a black and white photo of a child performing star jumps.

Community News

King Country Junior Rugby League are hosting a tournament day on the 4th or 5th September 2010. Teams are currently being assembled for this event and are working towards a ten week module in the twilight season. Starting September 26th those aged between 5 and 15 years wishing to take part in this event can contact Doug Porima on 078737946 or Jackson Te Nahu on 0220286536. Practice is 10am every second Sunday from July 4th at the Island Reserve, Tigers Sports Club.